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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE LETTER TO SYG WALDHEIM

REF: USUN 2207 (EXDIS)

1. DURING WESTERN FIVE MEETING AM JULY 13 CONTACT GROUP
AGREED UPON DRAFT TEXT OF LETTER TO BE SENT, SUBJECT TO
CONCURRENCE OF CAPITALS, TO SYG WALDHEIM FROM WESTERN FIVE
FONMINS. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, LETTER WOULD BE DELIVERED TO
SYG IN NEW YORK BY USUN EARLY IN WEEK OF JULY 18.

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2. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE

DEAR KURT:

ON MY OWN BEHALF AND ON THE BEHALF OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS OF CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, I AM WRITING ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS
OF OUR EFFORTS TO REACH AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION

TO THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION.

AS YOU KNOW, OUR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INVITED THE PRESIDENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SWAPO TO NEW YORK FOR FULL DISCUSSIONS. SWAPO SEEMS AGREEABLE TO A MEETING, BUT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET. WE ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THESE TALKS AND HOPE TO IMPRESS UPON SWAPO THAT THE EFFORT UNDERTAKEN COULD RESULT IN A FAIR POLITICAL PROCESS, LEADING TO A SATISFACTORY AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIA QUESTION.

OUR TALKS WITH SWAPO WILL STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS IF ITS LEADERSHIP HAS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE WHICH A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HIS STAFF MIGHT PLAY. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHAT IS NOW NEEDED IS AN OUTLINE OF THE U.N. MACHINERY WHICH MIGHT BE NECESSARY SHOULD A RESOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIA QUESTION EMERGE ALONG THE LINES CURRENTLY BEING EXPLORED.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT BY YOU, OF SUCH AN OUTLINE, IN ADVANCE OF A FORMAL MANDATE, COULD GIVE RISE TO SOME DIFFICULTIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT NOW IS THE TIME WHEN YOUR INITIATIVE COULD MAKE A DECISIVE CONTRIBUTION. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF STATURE, EXPERTISE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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OBJECTIVITY, AN INDICATION FROM YOU AND THE U.N. MACHINERY WHICH MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR THIS PURPOSE STANDS THE BEST CHANCE OF BEING PERSUASIVE. ON BEHALF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FIVE, I URGE YOU, THEREFORE, TO DEVELOP SUCH AN OUTLINE. UNQUOTE

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